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South Dakota has a strong history of military service. Thousands of South Dakotans have put themselves in harm's way to protect our liberties and freedoms. Many have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our nation safe and secure. Many others have returned home wounded. Veterans have earned, and deserve, the benefits they were promised, going back to our founding.

In Congress, I have worked to protect veterans and the programs many rely on. Still, some in Washington and the media are using scare tactics to lead veterans into believing that solving our budget crisis requires cutting veterans' benefits. Nothing could be further from the truth. Despite vicious rumors, I have fought, and will continue fighting, for veterans' benefits.

I voted for the Budget Control Act of 2011 to protect veterans:

- Funding for our military and veterans are among our highest priorities. That will remain the case, even in the tight budget years ahead. Mandatory spending for veterans' programs were protected from any cuts.

I am a co-sponsor of H.R. 2433, the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act of 2011, the VOW Act:

- Nearly one million veterans are unemployed.
- Through the VOW Act, we will build the most qualified workforce since World War II.
- The VOW Act provides our veterans with vital skills and training in today's tough job market, and we are doing this without increasing the deficit.

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I voted for H.R. 2055, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations act:

- Total mandatory and discretionary funding levels are an 8% increase over FY2011 and equal to President Obama's budget request.
- Provides a 4% increase for the Veterans Health Administration.
- Contains \$52.5 billion in advanced appropriations for FY2013 for Veterans Medical Services, Medical Support Compliance and Medical Facilities.

And recently, I voted to keep our student veterans in the college of their choice through the Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act, which was signed into law this summer. Without this change, student veterans across the country would have been subject to severe reductions in tuition payments.

I will work to continue providing and improving veterans' benefits and health care services, especially to those in rural areas of our state. It is important we take care of those who have sacrificed so much on our behalf.

I am here to serve you. My staff can assist with military service-related records requests, help procure replacement medals, answer your questions about retirement and disability compensation claims, and update you on the status of current veterans' legislation and how it will impact you.

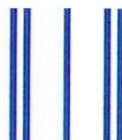
Thank you again for your service to our great nation. If you ever need any assistance or have any questions please feel free to contact me at (202) 225-2801.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Noem", written in a cursive style.

U.S. Representative Kristi Noem

P.S. Please take a moment to fill out the accompanying card and mail back to me.
Thank you. I appreciate your time.



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wants to hear from you!

1. Are you satisfied with your current Veterans benefits and programs?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

2. Is the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) responsive to your needs?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

3. Have our men and women in uniform been given sufficient resources and support from Congress to complete their missions in Iraq and Afghanistan?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

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By providing your email address you knowingly and willingly sign up for my e-newsletter that will be sent periodically to provide an update on my work in Congress.

